

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1-15. (Cancelled).

16. (Currently Amended) An automated computer implemented method for identifying applicable provisions in codes, said method of identifying comprising:
selecting a rules system by a computer, such that said rules system including a plurality of codes comprising natural language text of one of laws, policy statement, contract provisions, agreements, regulations, rules of association, constitutions, and codes of conduct, wherein said codes are represented in a form corresponding to a particular type of analysis to be performed on said codes, and wherein said rules system includes one of fuzzy rules, if-then-else-rules and declarative rules~~[,]~~; and wherein said codes comprise natural language text of one of laws, policy statement, contract provisions, agreements, regulations, rules of association, constitutions, and codes of conduct;

mapping said codes to automatically create target rules representing said codes based on said selected rules system by said computer, by one of: transforming a logical structure of said codes to target rules using grammar and syntax of said natural language text of said selected rules system; and populating a template of generated target rules with data from said codes based on said selected rules system;

applying evaluation functions to said target rules by said computer, to refine said target rules identify applicable provisions of said codes, wherein a first evaluation function comprises

one user's perspective of said codes, and wherein a second evaluation function comprises a triggering event relating to said codes;

identifying applicable provisions of said target rules codes based on said first and second evaluations by said computer, ~~wherein said applicable provisions of said codes match said first and second evaluation functions as applied to said target rules~~; and
outputting said applicable provisions of said target rules codes by said computer.

17. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 16, wherein said applicable provisions of said codes comprise classification codes used for classifying said provisions provided in said document.

18-29. (Cancelled).

30. (Currently Amended) A program storage medium readable by a machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by said machine to perform an automated method for identifying applicable provisions in codes, said method comprising:

selecting a rules system by a computer ~~such that said rules system including a plurality of codes comprising natural language text of one of laws, policy statement, contract provisions, agreements, regulations, rules of association, constitutions, and codes of conduct, wherein said codes~~ are represented in a form corresponding to a particular type of analysis ~~to be~~ performed on said codes, ~~and wherein~~ said rules system includes one of fuzzy rules, if-then-else-rules and declarative rules~~[[,]]~~; and ~~wherein said codes comprise natural language text of one of laws, policy statement, contract provisions, agreements, regulations, rules of association, constitutions,~~

~~and codes of conduct;~~

mapping said codes to automatically create target rules representing said codes based on said selected rules system by said computer, by ~~one of:~~ transforming a logical structure of said codes to target rules using grammar and syntax of said natural language text of said selected rules system; ~~and populating a template of generated target rules with data from said codes based on said selected rules system;~~

applying evaluation functions to said target rules by said computer, to refine said target rules identify applicable provisions of said codes, wherein a first evaluation function comprises one user's perspective of said codes, and wherein a second evaluation function comprises a triggering event relating to said codes;

identifying applicable provisions of said target rules codes based on said first and second evaluations, ~~wherein said applicable provisions of said codes match said first and second evaluation functions as applied to said target rules;~~ and

outputting said applicable provisions of said target rules codes by said computer.

31. (Previously Presented) The program storage medium according to claim 30, wherein said applicable provisions of codes comprise classification codes used for classifying said provisions provided in said document.

32-41. (Cancelled).